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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN REACTION TO SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. AS EXPECTED, ROMANIAN REACTION TO SECRETARY'S VISIT NOVEMBER 3-4 HAS BEEN DISCIPLINED BUT PLEASED. AT SUBSEQUENT SOCIAL EVENTS, FONMIN MACOVESCU, DEPUTY FONMIN GLIGA, AND U.S. DESK OFFICER DOBROIU, ALL PARTICIPANTS IN VISIT, HAVE TAKEN THE LINE WITH DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS THAT THINGS "WENT VERY WELL".

2. NOVEMBER 7 SCEINTEIA EDITORIAL (SIGNED BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR R. CAPLESCU) REFLECTED MEASURED GOR OPTIMISM ABOUT US-GOR RELATIONS. IT HIGHLIGHTED SECRETARY'S ASSURANCES ON MFN AND QUOTED CEAUSESCU'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD AGREED TO "SOLVE CERTAIN PROBLEMS" IN ORDER TO "CREATE CONDITIONS" FOR "WIDENING US-GOR COOPERATION".

SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS WEEKLY LUMEA WAS PLAYED
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ALSO IN PART IN SCEINTEIA -- ESPECIALLY SECRETARY'S APPROVAL OF

"NEW ECONOMIC ORDER" (WHICH GOR HAS PUSHED) AND STATEMENT THAT GREAT POWERS CANNOT SOLVE ALL INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS THEMSELVES WERE TONIC TO GOR EARS. CAPLESCU'S ARTICLE UNDERLINED IN BOLD-FACE TYPE (NO DOUBT FOR SOVIET AS WELL AS DOMESTIC BENEFIT) SECRETARY'S DECLARATION THAT "UNITED STATES ACCORDS SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO ITS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA".

3. SEVERAL GOR MIDDLE-LEVEL BUREAUCRATS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT "NOW WE CAN REALLY COOPERATE" (PERHAPS BECAUSE OF REFERENCES TO MFN ISSUE BEING ABOUT RESOLVED), AS IF HIGH-LEVEL PUBLIC RECONFIRMATION OF US-GOR CONNECTION SMOOTHS THEIR PATH. AN MFA SOURCE TOOK PAINS TO DISCOUNT PERIODIC WESTERN PRESS SPECULATION THAT ROMANIA WAS BEING COERCED BACK INTO THE SOVIET FOLD -- ITS INDEPENDENT LINE WAS CONTINUING AS BEFORE AND WOULD BE UNDERLINED AT 11TH PARTY CONGRESS. HE SAID IMPORTANCE OF U.S. IN THIS CONNECTION WAS AS GREAT AS EVER -- ALL USG SPOKESMEN HAD TO DO WAS TO UTTER SYMPATHETIC MENTION OF ROMANIA FROM TIME TO TIME AS REMINDER TO SOVIETS.

4. IN NOVEMBER 12 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, CEAUSESCU'S ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHEORGHE OPREA MENTIONED THAT AS RESULT OF SECRETARY'S AND CEAUSESCU'S TALKS, INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO GOR ECONOMIC MINISTRIES TO EXPEDITE THEIR PLANS FOR MAJOR PROJECTS WITH U.S. FIRMS. HE SHARED AMBASSADOR'S EXPRESSION OF DISAPPOINTMENT OVER ROMANIAN DELAY IN MAKING DECISIONS AND AGREED WITH NEED FOR THOROUGH PREPARATION OF NEXT SCHEDULED MINISTERIAL VISIT TO U.S. (ION AVRAM, MINISTER OF HEAVY MACHINERY, IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR EARLY 1975).

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